

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) An acetylene distribution system, comprising:  
a first and a second transportable source of compressed acetylene; and  
an acetylene filling assembly for filling acetylene into each transportable source,  
whereby the acetylene filling assembly fills at least a first tank of the first transportable source to a first level and thereafter fills at least a first [[second]] tank of the second transportable source while continuing to fill the first tank of the first transportable source and the acetylene filling assembly restricting the flow of acetylene to the first [[second]] tank of the second transportable source while continuing to fill the first tank of the first transportable source.
2. (Currently Amended) The acetylene distribution system of claim 1, whereby the first transportable source comprises a first trailer assembly and the second transportable source comprises a second trailer assembly, whereby each the first and the second trailer assembly includes a plurality of tanks [[cylinders]].
3. (Currently Amended) The acetylene distribution system of claim 2, whereby the plurality of tanks [[cylinders]] are interconnected by a manifold system.
4. (Currently Amended) The acetylene distribution system of claim 3, whereby the acetylene filling assembly [[system]] includes more than one fill bay, whereby a scale and a computer system are located in the respective fill bay to monitor the acetylene entering the fill bay.
5. (Original) The acetylene distribution system of claim 4, whereby the first and the second trailer assembly is placed in the respective fill bay to be filled with acetylene.
6. (Original) The acetylene distribution system of claim 5, further including a transportable gas regulating apparatus for unloading the acetylene from the transportable source to a point of use.

7. (Original) The acetylene distribution system of claim 6, whereby the apparatus for unloading the acetylene from the transportable source is mounted on a skid.

8. (Currently Amended) A transportable acetylene distribution apparatus, comprising:

a single purpose movable platform;

a piping system disposed on the movable platform, the piping system defining a fluid pathway ~~to act as a fluid conduit~~ for the distribution of acetylene;

at least one valve connected to the piping system, whereby the at least one valve controls the flow of acetylene;

at least one pressure regulating member connected to the piping system;

at least one connector attached to the piping system for connecting the distribution apparatus to a point of use; and

an extendable arm ~~[[for providing]]~~ defining a fluid pathway into the piping system. ~~from at least one acetylene source cylinder; and~~

~~a platform, whereby the piping system is disposed on the platform.~~

9. (Original) The acetylene distribution apparatus of claim 8, whereby the platform is connected to a skid, thereby allowing the acetylene distribution apparatus to be moved as one unit.

10. (Original) The acetylene distribution apparatus of claim 8, whereby the platform is connected to a trailer, thereby allowing the acetylene distribution apparatus to be moved as one unit.

11. (Previously Presented) A distribution apparatus for regulating the flow of acetylene from an acetylene source to a point of use, the distribution apparatus comprising:

a platform on which only a distribution apparatus is supported;

a piping system for controlling the flow of acetylene, wherein the piping system mounted on the platform and comprising includes at least one valve and at least one pressure regulating member; and

an extendable member [[for providing]] defining a flow pathway into ~~between the source of acetylene and the piping system~~[[; and]]

~~a platform for use in transporting the distribution apparatus.~~

12. (Previously Presented) The distribution apparatus of claim 11, wherein the acetylene source comprises at least one acetylene cylinder.

13. (Previously Presented) The distribution apparatus of claim 11, wherein the platform is a skid constructed and arranged to allow the distribution apparatus to be moved as one unit.

14. (Previously Presented) The distribution apparatus of claim 11, wherein the platform is mounted on a trailer to allow the distribution apparatus to be moved as one unit.

15. (Previously Presented) The distribution apparatus of claim 14, wherein the acetylene source comprises at least one trailer assembly having a plurality of acetylene cylinders.

16. (Previously Presented) The distribution apparatus of claim 14, further including at least one strainer for removing any contaminants from the at least one trailer assembly.

17. (Previously Presented) The distribution apparatus of claim 14, further including at least one gauge for indicating the pressure of acetylene exiting the trailer assembly.

18. (Previously Presented) The distribution apparatus of claim 11, further including a connector for attaching the piping system to the point of use.

19. (Previously Presented) The distribution apparatus of claim 11, further including a flash arrestor as a safety mechanism.

20. (Previously Presented) The distribution apparatus of claim 11, wherein the piping system is constructed and arranged to reduce the pressure of acetylene flowing therethrough.

Please add the following new claim:

21. (New) A transportable acetylene distribution apparatus, comprising:  
a piping system to act as a fluid conduit for the distribution of acetylene;  
at least one valve connected to the piping system, whereby the at least one valve controls the flow of acetylene;  
at least one pressure regulating member connected to the piping system;  
at least one connector attached to the piping system for connecting the distribution apparatus to a point of use;  
an extendable arm for providing a fluid pathway into the piping system from at least one acetylene cylinder; and  
a platform, whereby the piping system is disposed on the platform and the platform is configured as a skid to allow the distribution apparatus to be moved as one unit.

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an extendable arm for providing a fluid pathway into the piping system from at least one acetylene cylinder; and  
a platform, whereby the piping system is disposed on the platform and the platform is configured as a skid to allow the distribution apparatus to be moved as one unit.